

ROANOKE VALLEY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

OCTOBER 22, 2012

The Roanoke Valley Local Human Rights Committee met on Monday, October 22, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, located at 301 Elm Avenue, SW Roanoke, VA.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Jay Fields – Chair
Joseph Kinchloe – Vice Chair
Martha Pillow – Secretary
Joanne Baker
Nancy Fields
Robin Jordan

DBHDS-OHR STAFF

Dwayne Lynch –Advocate

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Betsy Walker

AFFILIATES REPRESENTED

A Better Life Counseling – Shenetta Reid
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare – Betty Bingham, Donna Dent, Sereina Paynter, Steve Ratliff
Blue Ridge Residential Services – Catherine St. Ours
Cee Breeze – Marc Buch
Centra – Lauren Askew
CHIP – Denise Ellis
DePaul Community Resources–Sondra Stephens
EHS –Katie Hale, Crystal Grooms
Family Services of Roanoke Valley – Karen Pillis, S Thacker
Fidura & Associates - Cassie Huskey
Lutheran Family Services –Tresha Lafon
Mayo Residential – Ementress Adams
National Counseling Group –Brian Hoff
New Hope Support Services – Mari Gentry
Support Services LLC –Tracie Creasy, Regina Pugh
Total Life Counseling Services – Althea D
Va Baptist Children's Home dba HopeTree Family Services – Will Childers

1. Call to order/welcome
Jay Fields, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. Introductions/Citizens Comments
Members of the Committee and providers introduced themselves

ACTION AGENDA

3. Approval of August 13, 2012 minutes

Nancy Fields motioned the minutes be accepted as presented; Joanne Baker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was amended to remove A Shining Light from the agenda today. Due to an emergency they will report in December. Also, Hall Community Services could not be present today to present their quarterly report.

The Committee was in agreement to make the requested revisions to the agenda.

INFORMATION AGENDA

5. Advocate Report – Dwayne Lynch

Advocate thanked everyone for being able to attend changed meeting date. Currently we have 1 LHRC vacancy, candidate will arrive around 4:15 to be interviewed. All mandated vacancies are currently filled. Next meeting I will have Bylaws in packets for review if there are any changes, please bring to the Dec. meeting for comment. LHRC annual member training still needs to be conducted, it will be on Dec. 4. will communicate to committee members this week regarding specific time, but it will probably be 10-2. Training will be all Roanoke Valley/NRV LHRC's, and training will be done at Catawba Hospital. If anyone would like a tour I can see if that can be arranged prior to the meeting. Great opportunity to meet other committee members. Training will consist of a total of 4 LHRC's.

The Bill of Rights §37.2-400 was amended this year and is now the ***Rights of individuals receiving services***. I hope you will also note that there are eleven (11) enumerated rights in the Code. Please make certain that any policies and procedures and staff training/curriculum incorporate the correct, updated law and not previous versions! If you do not currently introducing and reviewing the Code in staff training, I encourage you to do so. What better way to impress upon every single person you hire that the ***Rules and Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Service from Providers Licensed, Funded or Operated by [DBHDS]*** are in fact statutory regulations!

6. ANNUAL REPORTS

The following providers attended the meeting and presented their 2011 Annual Report and answered questions from the Committee. Providers that reported incidents on the quarterly report also presented their quarterly reports as noted by *.

A Better Life Counseling * also present 2nd quarter report
Blue Ridge Residential Services * also present 3rd quarter report
Support Systems, LLC *also present 3rd quarter report

7. **Quarterly Reports** (3rd Quarter)

The following providers attended the meeting and answered questions as necessary from Committee members:

Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare
Emotional Health Stabilization Support Services (EHS)
Family Services of Roanoke Valley
Fidura & Associates
National Counseling

East Mental Health was a no-show and will be moved to the December agenda. Hall Community Services notified the Advocate of the inability to attend the meeting today. The Committee unanimously accepted their report because the provider provided enough detail in the report that was reviewed.

8. Affiliation changes/notifications

Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare – Child & Family Outpatient (OP) service is changing population served to include counseling for parents of children serviced in OP.

A letter of notification was included in the Committee packet for review and Donna Dent with CFS attended the meeting answer questions from the Committee.

Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare – Adult Clinical Services Substance Abuse-Intensive Outpatient service is adding therapy groups for clients on opioid replacement medication.

A letter of notification was included in the Committee packet for review and Steve Ratliff with Intensive Outpatient Services was available to answer questions.

DePaul Community Resources – Letter of request to remove inactive sponsored residential homes was included in the Committee packet for review. These homes will be removed from the roster of homes available.

Support Systems, LLC – Letter of notification of change of address and telephone information was included in the Committee packet for review.

9. Other Business – None

10. Closed Session

Jay Fields moved that the Roanoke Valley Local Human Rights Committee (RVLHRC) go into closed session pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3711. A. (1) and (4) for the purpose of protecting the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business namely to conduct an interview with a LHRC applicant.

Nancy Fields moved to reconvene the RVLHRC into public session; Robin Jordan seconded the motion.

Nancy Fields moved that each member certify that to the best of their knowledge only matters lawfully exempted from open meetings requirements were heard, discussed, or considered.

Each member certified. The applicants name will be taken forward to the State Human Rights Committee for consideration and approval to serve on the RVLHRC.

11. Next meeting date is December 17, 2012

12. Meeting was adjourned at 5:15p.m.

Jay Fields, Chair

Date Approved

Betsy Walker, Admin Support